



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held May 8, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Yolie Aguilar-Flores, Executive Director, and Dr. Jacquelyn McCroskey, Member, Children's Planning Council, presented the attached report to the Board relating to study findings on current conditions in the County's juvenile justice system, directions for change, and next steps in developing community-based supports for youth, families and communities.

After discussion, Supervisor Molina requested the Executive Director of the Children's Planning Council to provide a written report back to the Board by June 5, 2007 with recommendations on how to move forward to achieve the goals outlined in the attached report.

After further discussion, Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"Los Angeles County needs to take a strong leadership role in addressing the serious issues impacting the juvenile justice system. The Children's Planning Council report on juvenile justice clearly makes the case for the urgent need to reform a system that is failing at-risk kids in just about every way possible.

"The path to reform should not be to pay for yet another plan to tell us what distinguished experts and other well-positioned authorities both inside the County and from the outside have been telling us over and over again. This reform effort could very well begin in earnest with what this Children's Planning Council report spells out, namely: a lack of cohesive data, as well as a need for increased mental health services, improved education standards, increased support for families and a meaningful way of addressing crossover issues with foster care."

Therefore, Supervisor Knabe made a motion that the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Chief Probation Officer and other appropriate County departments, review the Children's Planning Council's 2006 report on juvenile justice and determine if the baseline data and recommendations spelled out in the report would be sufficient basis for a substantive, action-driven planning effort to reform the juvenile justice system, determine if and how a consultant would be useful in enacting the recommended reforms, and report back to the Board within 30 days.

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a suggestion that Supervisor Knabe's motion be amended to instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to review the recommendations before they are brought before the Board. Supervisor Knabe accepted Supervisor Yaroslavsky's amendment.

Supervisor Knabe's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, was unanimously carried.

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#### Attachment

#### Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- Sheriff
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel
- Chief Probation Officer
- Director of Children and Family Services
- Director of Mental Health
- Director of Public Social Services
- Executive Director, Children's Planning Council